

Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village; see page 8 for Desert View programs. Parking is limited. Park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations.

Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All program times are Mountain Standard; Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time. Check at visitor centers and hotels for additional information and special programs.

Time	Programs	Meeting Location	Duration	Notes
8 am	Cedar Ridge Hike Explore the canyon's beauty while descending 1,120 feet (340 m) on an unpaved trail. This challenging 3-mile (5 km), round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Bring 1–2 quarts (liters) of water, sunscreen, hat, snacks, and sturdy hiking shoes.	South Kaibab Trailhead	3–3.5 hours; offered in May only <i>No program May 12</i>	Trailhead closed to vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus.
9 am	Fossil Walk Stroll through an ancient ocean of marine creatures. Discover the amazing world of fossils and what they say about the canyon's history on this moderate 0.5-mile (0.8 km), one-way walk along the rim. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Bright Angel Lodge (rim side patio)	60 minutes; offered in March and April only	Parking is limited; ride the Village Route shuttle bus.
10 am	Geology Walk Unearth the amazing story of one of the greatest geologic features on the planet. Why is Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here and nowhere else in the world?	Yavapai Geology Museum	60 minutes <i>No program May 12</i>	Accessible
1:30 pm	History Walk Discover stories of people's enduring relationship with the canyon and take a short walk around the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers.	Verkamp's Visitor Center	60 minutes <i>No program May 12</i>	Parking is limited; ride the Village Route shuttle bus. Accessible
2:30 pm	Mather Point Talk Uncover some of the many treasures of Grand Canyon. Topics vary daily. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Mather Point	30 minutes <i>No program May 12</i>	Accessible
3:30 pm	Geo-glimpse Find out how Grand Canyon formed, explore Yavapai Geology Museum, and consider walking the Trail of Time following the program. Perfect for Junior Rangers.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes <i>No program May 12</i>	Accessible
4 pm	Condor Talk Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.	Lookout Studio	60 minutes <i>No program May 12</i>	Parking is limited; ride the Village Route shuttle bus.
7:30 pm	Evening Program Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics.	Shrine of the Ages	60 minutes Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs	Accessible
Check visitor centers	Outdoor Evening Program Explore Grand Canyon in the evening! Join a park ranger and discover some of the lesser known stories and facts. Programs include star talks, night hikes to the rim, cemetery tours, and more.	Check visitor centers	60 minutes Mon, Wed, Fri	Dress for the weather.



Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park is proud to partner with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program: Grand Canyon Semester. This interdisciplinary program engages students through a progressive, place-based learning experience that uses the greater Grand Canyon ecoregion as its classroom and laboratory. Classroom-based academics combine with extended field opportunities to develop a learning environment unparalleled in academics.

<https://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/>

<http://www.prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html>

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Inside the Canyon

Programs begin early March

Going to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? Join a park ranger to discover the many wonders of the inner canyon. Programs vary and cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. *Offered in Grand Canyon's backcountry, these programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

Indian Garden, times vary, Saturday to Tuesday

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

Fun for Kids: Junior Rangers

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from a visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon by completing at least four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center and earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are also available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores. Unique Junior Ranger programs are available on the North Rim (May to October) and at more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Junior Ranger program is generously supported by the Grand Canyon Association.

Junior Ranger Day

April 20

Location Varies

Attend a park ranger program and receive special recognition as part of this national event. Look for signs at visitor centers.